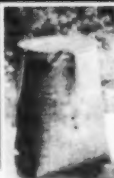
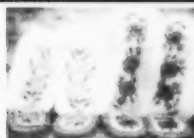


ARTISTS' NEWSLINE



A GNWT Newsletter for the Northwest
Territories Arts Community

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Explore our website - it's full of links to our full time and history

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arts Week

The Aurora Arts Society will celebrate its third Arts Week this year in Yellowknife. Local artists will have the opportunity to display their art work in a gallery setting that will be open to the public. Keep your eyes open for locations!

When: September 24-30, 2006
Where: Yellowknife, NT
Ph: (867) 920-5693
Email: rpower@internorth.com

Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards (APC)

Be a part of Canadian Aboriginal Music history. The very first Annual APC Music Awards gives fans the chance to vote and choose which artist will be honored in each of the 23 different categories. Enter your vote on the website today!

When: November 3, 2006
Where: Winnipeg, MB
Ph: (204) 956-1849
Website: www.aboriginalpeopleschoice.com
Email: info@aboriginalpeopleschoice.com

The Creative Women Workshops Association

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!! Develop your leadership and story telling style. Take creative risks and test original material in a safe learning environment. This 10th anniversary session of the *Women in the Director's Chair* workshop will be led by the internationally acclaimed Lea Pool. Director application deadline is September 30, 2006. actor and crew deadline is October 30, 2006. Scholarships are available.

When: September 30 and October 31, 2006
Where: Vancouver, BC
Ph: (604) 913-0747 or 1-877-913-0747
Website: www.creativewomenworkshops.com

The Artists of the South Slave Society Art Fair

The Artists of the South Slave Society will be hosting their sixth annual Fall Art Fair in Fort Smith. A diverse array of arts and crafts made by local artists will be displayed and on sale just in time for Christmas shopping season. Come out and support your local artists.

When: November 25, 2006
Where: Fort Smith, NT
Email: tasss.society@hotmail.com

World Community Film Festival

A full weekend of independent short films brought to you by Western Arctic Moving Pictures. Filmography and documentaries from all over the world, ranging in content and themes and sure to be spectacular!

When: October 7-10, 2006
Where: Yellowknife, NT
Ph: (867) 766-2586
Website: www.wamp.ca



Video Conferencing Events

Canada Business NWT (previously Canada/NWT Business Service Centre) is offering a series of free workshops that will cover many topics ranging from intellectual property law and marketing to importing and exporting goods. Contact the centre for a list of scheduled sessions and dates.

When: Various dates beginning September 5, 2006
Where: Yellowknife, NT
Ph: (867) 873-7958 or 1-800-661-0599

A new e-commerce tool

The Canadian Tourism Commission (CTC) has developed a new guide called *Learning About Computers, the Internet and E-business*. The guide is designed to help entrepreneurs conquer the world of e-business. It also includes information on training programs and special resources for the heritage and Aboriginal sectors. To obtain a copy of the guide contact:

Ph: (613) 946-1000 ext.3831
Website: www.canadatourism.com
Email: willbond.francine@ctc-ctc.ca



As the Christmas season approaches, in the next coming months watch for notices of Craft Fairs and Bazaars in your community. Always a great opportunity to support your local Artists and Traditional Fine Crafters.

WHAT'S NEW?

NWT ARTS STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT



Significant accomplishments have been made over the past year providing arts education, expanding public participation in the arts, supporting artists and raising awareness about the value of arts in the Northwest Territories. The Arts Strategy Progress Report describes the actions completed to foster appreciation, participation in and life-long learning through the arts. It represents the collective efforts of the Departments of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) and Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) along with many, diverse partners in undertaking the NWT Arts Strategy which was released in 2004. Continued investments will increase the production, expand access and enhance the benefits of the arts to individuals and communities today and in the future.

The NWT Arts Strategy Progress Report is available on the Government of the Northwest Territories website at: www.gov.nt.ca/iea/artscrafts.htm or www.nwtartistsdatabase.com

FEATURED ARTIST: JOHN FARCY JR.



John Farcy Jr's creative talents were discovered at the age of three after being admitted into the hospital in Fort Rae. With no toys to occupy his time, Farcy began to make small creations out of cardboard boxes.

From 1951 to 1957 Farcy attended a residential school where he budded into an accomplished artist winning first prize in 1956 at a school competition. The reward was one hundred pennies.

John spent two years in Victoria, BC, attending general arts courses. Other than that he has predominantly been a self-taught artist. Often, he will use his experiences hunting, fishing and trapping as a basis for his artwork.

John uses ink for his pictures, using a style called 'pointillism'. The picture is comprised of ink dots or points. This meticulous art form takes many hours to complete with absolute attention being given to details. John's work is on display at the Northern Images Art Gallery in Yellowknife, NT.

Additionally, John is working on 'Bear Rock Mountain' which is a Dene legend set in Tulita, NT-a commission in four sections. He is also engaged in talks concerning becoming involved in computer film animations with the National Film Board.

John is a Dene artist born in the Northwest Territories and today makes his home in Fort Providence, NT, where he lives with his wife, Rosemarie.

For more information on John and other northern artists check out: www.nwtartistsdatabase.com



FIRST ANNUAL YELLOWKNIFE ARTS FESTIVAL

The first annual Yellowknife Arts Festival was a great success! Running from Thursday, August 3 to Monday August 7, the new festival combined several unusual arts events around the City of Yellowknife. The City's five main Galleries hosted special exhibits and featured artists working in the galleries and talking to visitors about their art.

The Festival Society joined forces with Yellowknife's Aurora Arts Society to produce a year-round 'Art Walk Map' of the City that guides visitors to many indoor and outdoor art locations including galleries, studios, public buildings and murals.

Arts workshops were held during the Festival, including outdoor art, painting fine art on furniture, and stained glass workshops. The NorthWords Writers' Festival was held for the first time "within our festival". Author Richard Van Camp gave writers' workshops, and he, along with the well known author Michael Kusugak and several other published Northern authors, spoke at "open-mike" sessions as well as at a well-attended wrap-up evening in the great Hall of the Legislative Assembly.

Finally, there is the 'Raven Statues' project. On two evenings during the Festival, the Mayor of Yellowknife unveiled two different kinds of statues of ravens that will adorn the downtown area over the next few years. There will be five large raven statues (five feet high) in front of different downtown office buildings, and ten smaller raven statues (three feet high) perched above Franklin Avenue on lamp posts. The statues will be painted in resplendent colours and designs by fifteen different Yellowknife artists. The turnout for all these events was wonderful.

For more information about the festival go to: www.yellowknifearts.com

GNWT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

This newsletter is created by the Government of the Northwest Territories and is designed to help the NWT arts community stay up to date with the current "happenings" in the industry.

There are two GNWT departments that have shared interests in supporting the arts - Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) and Education Culture and Employment (ECE). ECE supports the creative aspects of the arts, while ITI's primary role is helping the business side of arts and fine crafts. At times, it is difficult to clearly distinguish these roles.

ECE's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

Since 1985, ECE has supported the NWT Arts Council as it strives to stimulate and promote northern art. The Council's role is to provide recommendations to the Minister of ECE regarding financial awards and workshops. If you would like to apply for funding, please consult the Arts Council website for an application at:

<http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/artscouncil.htm>

ECE also has a Support to Northern Performers' Program designed to aid in the development and promotion of performing arts and artists in the NWT at local and regional public festivals and events.

Consult the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website at: www.pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/comm.htm

ITI's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

ITI recognizes the importance of tradition and the economic potential of the NWT arts and fine Crafts industry. ITI's support is provided through the Business Development Fund and Grants to Small Business program. ITI also supports marketing and promotional efforts nationally and internationally by bringing awareness to the importance and value of traditional art and fine crafts in the NWT.

<http://www.iti.gov.nt.ca/iea/artscrafts.htm>

www.nwtartistsdatabase.com

If you are an NWT Artist interested in participating in this new online directory contact:

Arts and Fine Crafts Specialist at:
(867) 920-6130
or e-mail:
artsandcraftsnewsletter@gov.nt.ca

We want to hear from you!

If you hear about any upcoming events or celebrations suited for this newsletter, or if you are a Northern Artist who is interested in being showcased in our Featured Artist section...

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To find out about financial assistance...

Contact your regional office:

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North Slave: (867) 920-3349	North Slave: (867) 766-5100
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